

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIXVERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph [0053] Referring now to FIGS. 4 and 5, a partial cross-sectional view of a seal shaft shutoff apparatus 100, disposed around a roundtable shaft [102] 105 is shown in accordance with an alternative embodiments of the present invention. Whereas FIG. 4 depicts the apparatus 100 in an operating position, FIG. 5 depicts the apparatus 100 in a shutoff position.

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